

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
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Dear Applicant

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information – NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB)

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 27 September 2024 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (the ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The ICB covers the areas of County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the five local authorities of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

We have dealt with your request in accordance with your “right to know” under section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (subsequently referred to as FOIA2000) which entitles you to be provided with information “held” by a public authority unless an appropriate exemption applies.

Your Request

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on NHS Continuing Healthcare in the NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB area in respect of people living with Progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP) and Corticobasal degeneration (CBD, sometimes referred to as corticobasal syndrome or CBS).

My specific questions are below:

1. Please confirm the number of people in the NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB area with PSP and CBD who were receiving NHS Continuing Healthcare in the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.
 - i. People with PSP
 - ii. People with CBD
2. Please confirm the number of applications for NHS Continuing Healthcare that the NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB received in the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 in respect of:

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- i. People with PSP
 - ii. People with CBD
3. Of the above applications for NHS Continuing Healthcare in respect of people with PSP and CBD, please confirm the number which were:
 - i. Approved (found eligible for Continuing Healthcare)
 - ii. Rejected (found ineligible for Continuing Healthcare)
4. Of the above applications for NHS Continuing Healthcare in respect of people with PSP and CBD that were approved, please confirm the number which were for Fast Track Continuing Healthcare.
 - i. People with PSP
 - ii. People with CBD
5. In respect of applications for Continuing Healthcare in respect of people with PSP and CBD that were rejected, please confirm the number of applications that rejected due to:
 - i. Failed initial assessment (NHS Continuing care checklist)
 - ii. Failed full assessment (CHC Decision Support Tool)
 - iii. Other (please specify)

To assist you in fulfilling this request, in ICD-10 (2019) PSP is coded as G23.1, and in ICD-11 (2024) it is coded as 8A00.10. CBD does not have a distinct ICD code but may be recorded as corticobasal degeneration or corticobasal syndrome.

Our Response

On this occasion it is not possible to provide the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm the ICB does not hold any of the information requested.

In accordance with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the NHS ICB website <https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/>.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to request a review of our decision, you should write to the Senior Governance Manager using the contact details at the top of this letter quoting the appropriate reference number.

If you are not content with the outcome your review, you do have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the North of England Commissioning Support Unit.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane

Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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Any information we provide following your request under the Freedom of Information Act will not confer an automatic right for you to re-use that information, for example to publish it. If you wish to re-use the information that we provide and you do not specify this in your initial application for information then you must make a further request for its re-use as per the Re-Use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015 www.legislation.gov.uk . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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